

UCI School of Social Ecology

Field Study

School of Social Ecology Based Placements

Types of Placements Available:

- **SOCECOL 106W - Digital Archive**

This new hybrid Field Study course/placement opportunity represents a unique “3-in-1” model by simultaneously fulfilling the following three requirements: 1) Field Study course 2) Field placement and 3) Upper Division Writing...All in one!

- **Research Assistantships (LA)**

- Research assistant positions with faculty within the School of Social Ecology**

- **Learning Assistantships (RA)**

- Learning assistant positions for courses within the School of Social Ecology**
- Learn more about Learning Assistantships here: <https://dtei.uci.edu/certified-learning-assistants-program-clap/>

Helpful Reminders:

- ** Research and Learning Assistantships WITHIN the School of Social Ecology, NOT LISTED on this catalog, could be approved as a field study placement, along as you have approval from the faculty in charge to use their lab/class as a field study placement and they agree to take on the role of supervisor
- **Research and Learning assistantships OUTSIDE of the School of Social Ecology must be reviewed and approved by the Field Study Director before they can be submitted as a field placement.
- **IMPORTANT: Please carefully read about the unit and enrollment requirements for research/learning assistantship positions [HERE](#) before applying.

If you have any questions contact us at sefieldstudy@uci.edu!

OPPORTUNITY: Research Assistant	Virtual/Remote/Hybrid: Hybrid (mix of in-person and remote)
Placement Name: Mexican Long Beach Urban Lab	Summer Availability: SSI & SSII
Website: https://faculty.sites.uci.edu/rendon/rendon-urban-research-lab/	Placements available = 4
Supervisor Information	
Name: Maria G Rendon	
Title: Assistant Professor, Urban Planning & Public Policy	
Email Address: mgrendon@uci.edu	
Placement Information	
As part of this project, students will be asked to engage in newspaper archival research. We will focus on the years 1920-1940, during the first large Mexican immigration wave to southern California and their repatriation in the 1930s. Students will examine and identify local stories on the Mexican community in Los Angeles and Orange County. This research will examine rhetoric around the Mexican group to better understand the local context that shaped the social and economic integration/exclusion of the group. The analysis will inform Dr. Rendon's new Book.	
Requirements (subject to change)	
Students interested in racial/ethnic disparities, urban neighborhoods and segregation.	
How to Apply	
Email your resume and cover letter to mgrendon@uci.edu	

OPPORTUNITY: Research Assistant	Virtual/Remote/Hybrid TBA
Placement Name: Shadow Costs; The Effect of Economic and Informational Inequality on Court-Order Compliance.	Summer Availability: SSI & SSII
Website: N/A	Placements available = 6
Supervisor Information	
Name: Bryan L Sykes	
Title: Associate Professor	
Email Address: blsykes@uci.edu	
Placement Information:	
<p>This research project explores the social, economic, and legal consequences of shadow costs – the hidden financial costs of reentry, diversion, and rehabilitation treatment programs and courses. Shadow costs, which are indirect costs associated with diversion, reentry, and rehabilitation programs/courses have real consequences in the lives of poor and indigent people ensnared in the criminal legal system. However, the extent of these consequences is currently unknown. This study attempts to fill this knowledge gap by investigating the social, economic, and legal impacts associated with shadow costs. You can learn more about the project and research team by visiting https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.shadowcosts.com/;!!CzAuKJ42GuquVTTmVmPViYEvSg!L1zpxuSTTkVeK3MXxs1vjqLR9dsCS3kKVOJ9WnMVAptPi5OyJ4qW1Hk1D6QHUi69F8ITH8VvgfHK9R6mBFs\$</p>	
Requirements (subject to change):	
Minimum GPA & heavily prefer students interested in monetary sanctions in the criminal legal system	
How to Apply:	
E-mail with resume and cover letter	

OPPORTUNITY: Research/Course Hybrid	Virtual/Remote/Hybrid: Hybrid
Placement Name: SOCECOL 106W (50050) Digital Media Archive – Prison Pandemic Website: https://prisonpandemic.uci.edu	Summer Availability: SSI ONLY
	Placements available = 40
Supervisor Information	
Name: Keramet Reiter	
Title: Vice Chair & Associate Professor	
Email Address: reiterk@uci.edu	
Placement Information	
<p>In this experiential learning lab, you will work in teams with faculty and graduate students to assist in collecting and processing stories from incarcerated people in California. Student teams will include a group staffing a hotline to accept calls from incarcerated people; a group sending outreach letters to incarcerated people to let them know about PrisonPandemic; a group redacting, scanning and processing for permanent library archiving letters from incarcerated people; and a group transcribing and identifying key themes in letters or audio files for inclusion on the PrisonPandemic website. You will gain research skills while working on a community oriented education project and have the opportunity to reflect on and write about this experience with small group members, 106W classmates, and PrisonPandemic faculty and graduate students. Class attendance will be in person.</p> <p><i>Tentative Class Schedule: M W 1:00-3:50 PM</i></p>	
Requirements (subject to change)	
Keep in mind that placement with this project requires enrolling in SOCECOL 106W (50050), which has the following prerequisites: (1) Declared major in the School of Social Ecology or Environmental Science and Policy Major; (2) SOCECOL10 (or an equivalent course); (3) 2.0 GPA; (4) Junior or Senior Standing (90+ units); (5) Lower Division Writing.	
How to Apply	
Apply using the following application link: https://uci.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dbgapAma3eTsayO	

OPPORTUNITY: Research Assistant	Virtual/Remote/Hybrid: In Person
Placement Name: StANCe Lab (Spatial – Temporal Data Science) Website: https://faculty.sites.uci.edu/avipsaroy/	Summer Availability: SSI & SSII
	Placements available = 1
Supervisor Information	
Name: Avipsa Roy	
Title: Assistant Professor of Urban Planning & Public Policy	
Email Address: avispsar@uci.edu	
Placement Information:	
<p>The research at STANCE lab is highly interdisciplinary and involves developing methods in urban analytics and geospatial data science to answer overarching questions in transportation planning, public health, environmental science, and social equity. The research we conduct follows three overarching themes: 1) the development of quantitative methods to analyze spatial-temporal processes like human mobility patterns, 2) the application of computational & statistical techniques to monitor changes in urban environments, and 3) building a data-driven framework to assess risk, equitable access and minimize exposure in transportation networks. We focus on developing context-aware geospatial methods for data analytics in urban planning, time-series analysis, use of novel data platforms such as Unmanned aerial systems (e.g. LiDAR) for urban mapping and planning, space-time models for environmental spread processes, analyzing infectious disease spread as well as vulnerability assessment in the face of natural hazards.</p>	
Requirements (subject to change):	
Major - urban planning/environmental science, minimum GPA - 3.5	
How to Apply:	
Email me with resume and cover letter highlighting research interests	